

# OFFICE OF THE LEWIS COUNTY



# SHERIFF

## *Sheriff's Office Rapsheet*

**"PUBLIC SAFETY THROUGH PROFESSIONAL SERVICE"**



## MESSAGE FROM THE SHERIFF:

What an amazing first year I had serving as your Sheriff, 2015 flew by in a blink of an eye. This past year, our agency had so many great accomplishments. I am extremely proud and thankful for the men and women who work for and wear the uniform of the Lewis County Sheriff's Office. One of our greatest accomplishments was, and continues to be, our commitment to building key community partnerships. In my heart, I believe the Sheriff's Office should be involved, invested, and committed in the community we call home. Whether it is working with and mentoring our youth in the local schools, working diligently on fundraisers for various charities, attending the many community events around the county, putting on town hall meetings, or hosting our own programs, such as "Day in the Life". All of these and many other activities are examples showing our true dedication and commitment as to how proud we are to serve our community.

The Sheriff's Office is truly a family. Our staff cares about the people in their community and are doing their very best each and every day to provide the best public safety service possible. We continually strive for and remain committed to providing "Public Safety through Professional Service."

As we move forward into 2016, old goals are being met and maintained, while new goals are being set. The Sheriff's Office is committed to being a progressive and professional public safety agency; bringing new ideas and concepts to the forefront, all in hopes of making Lewis County an even better place to live. While we forge into the New Year, we hope you will continue to provide input along the way, through emails, phone calls, Facebook, or other social media avenues, so we can continue to improve our services and serve you in the best way possible.

As your Sheriff, thank you for your overwhelming support, dedication, and professional service during my first year, I couldn't be more proud. Safe travels and best wishes for a great 2016!



Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'R. Snaza'.

Sheriff Robert R. Snaza

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## Mission Statement:

*Being a committed community partner, providing professional service to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in Lewis County.*

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## Mission

Being a committed community partner, providing professional service to enhance the safety, security, and quality of life in Lewis County.

## Vision

Committed to excellence in being a trusted, respected, and professional public safety agency.

## Core Values

Trustworthiness  
Responsibility  
Compassion  
Fairness  
Respect

## POPE'S KIDS PLACE

By: Chief Stacy Brown, Special Services Bureau

Chief Deputy Stacy Brown and Administrative Assistant Sherri Guenther had a fantastic time visiting the wonderful kids and staff at Pope's Kids Place in December. The Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association (non-profit employee funded organization) donated a new cd player, books on cd's, books, and aerobic and fun movement cd's to the preschool.



Chief Brown handed out beanie babies, donated by LCSO Support Technician, Helen Buda, and candy canes to each of the kids and read them a story before they all played a "cake walk" game for prizes.

More visits are scheduled for the future.





## NEW TECH COMES TO PATROL CARS

By: Chief Stacy Brown, Special Services Bureau



Ever wonder how deputies are able to do their reports from their patrol cars? There is a lot to it! We are constantly trying to keep up or ahead of ever-changing technology with a limited budget.



Recently, we were able to get WI-FI hotspots for all the deputies in hopes of better coverage and connectivity.



*Winter  
Wonderland*



Hot cocoa

Cold snow

Warm sweaters

Warm blankets

Bright lights



## Lewis County Sheriff's Office hosts ARIDE Training

By: Chief Bruce Kimsey, Field Operations Bureau

On December 9 and 10, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office hosted *Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement* (ARIDE) training program. The Sheriff's Office had 10 deputies attend and 25 officers from other various Western Washington law enforcement agencies.

ARIDE was created to address the gap in training between the Standardized Field Sobriety Testing (SFST) and the Drug Evaluation and Classification (DEC/DRE) Program.

One of the more significant aspects of ARIDE is the required student demonstration of the SFST proficiency requirement. The ARIDE program stresses the importance of the signs and symptoms of the seven drug categories.

The course trained officers to observe, identify and articulate the signs of impairment related to drugs, alcohol, or a combination of both, in order to reduce the number of impaired driving incidents as well as crashes which result in serious injuries and fatalities.

A special thank-you to the Washington State Patrol for providing Sergeant Mark Crandall and Trooper Terry Brunstad, to instruct ARIDE training.

In order to be a progressive agency, we will continue to host training for law enforcement. In 2016, we will be hosting leadership training, Crisis Intervention Team training, Patrol Rifle Instructor Course, ATV Operations, and much more.



## LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE asked to be part of BEHIND THE BADGE Line of Duty Death Response Team

By: Undersheriff Wes Rethwill

Lewis County Sheriff's Office was recently asked to join the Behind the Badge Memorial Foundation Team. Behind the Badge Foundation provides comprehensive support to Washington State's law enforcement agencies, families, and communities after a line of duty death, or when an officer suffers a serious duty-related injury.

Chief Deputy Stacy Brown was asked to serve as a Public Information Officer during memorial events. Chief Brown currently serves in that capacity for the Lewis County Sheriff's Office, and she and others recently assisted Chehalis Police Department during their loss of Officer Rick Silva. Sheriff's Office personnel also worked with the team when Deputy Mike Gallagher died in the line of duty in 2009.

"I am absolutely honored to be asked to join this amazing group of selfless and dedicated professionals. Being able to be a part of a support team for a fallen officer's agency and family is one of the most important jobs I may ever have," said Chief Brown.





# 2015 SHOP WITH A COP

By: Chief Stacy Brown, Special Services Bureau

What a time we had! We had an AWESOME time taking these amazing kiddos Christmas shopping at our local Walmart! After shopping, we headed back to the Law & Justice Center, wrapped presents, ate pizza (graciously donated by Papa Pete's), and played bingo for some really great prizes. Three bikes and helmets, donated by our volunteers, were also raffled off. This year, our annual event served 34 children and their families from all over Lewis County.

Fun was had by all - this is our favorite day of the year! Thanks to everyone who donated or supported this great evening!

A HUGE THANK YOU to United Way of Lewis County who partnered with us all year long to bring this program to fruition each Christmas. You are truly the best and we are so lucky to have such a great partner to make Lewis County a better place to live!



A special thanks to Bradd Reynolds for taking photos for us and our partners at Walmart for helping sponsor this great event!



**Baby,**  
It's  
**COLD**  
**OUTSIDE!**





## The Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association (LCSOA) is a non-profit volunteer organization which employees of the Sheriff's Office have an option to pay monthly dues to belong.

The LCSOA takes great pride in supporting community events and programs throughout the year. The LCSOA was very busy in 2015, take a look at what our group accomplished in support of our community!

### Giving Report – 2015

Lewis County Sheriff's Office Association is proud to present our 2015 Giving Report showing the various projects in our community that we donate to, participate in, and support either by individual contribution or volunteer time.

- Law Enforcement Awards banquet
- Guardian Friends of Lewis County (for ARDA foster kids)
- Jeff Fosburg Fundraiser (local firefighter with serious illness)
- Fallen Heroes Benefit Fund
- LCSO Volunteer Appreciation Event
- Scholarships to two outstanding teens
- Sheriffs' Mentoring Students program (SMS)
- Training, gear and veterinary care for LCSO K-9 Axel
- National Telecommunicator Week-Lewis County E911 Communications
- National Police Week memorial sign
- Kids Klost-Centralia (school and personal supplies, gently used clothing)
- United Way -Power of the Purse Fundraiser
- Shop with a Cop
- Pope's Kids Place (breakfast fundraiser)
- Human Response Network (adopt a family for Christmas)
- Pope's Kids Place (educational equipment)

**Giving is the master key to success,  
in all applications of human life.**

— Bryant McGill





## Division of Property Management—Evidence

By Isabelle Williams, Evidence Division Director

It was a busy year for the Evidence Division! Here are some of the end of the year highlights:

- Received 880 case submissions consisting of 7,598 items.
- Closed out 1,270 cases consisting of 7,716 items!! It's rare to close out more cases than what you take in! A typical analogy in evidence management is that the flow of evidence is like that of the ocean – only the tide usually comes in far more often than it goes out.
- Combined, the Evidence Division moved a total of 15,314 items through its doors in 2015.
- In addition to the above intake and output, 134 cases, consisting of 242 items, were shipped out to the WSP Crime Lab for analysis; of those 134 cases 217 items were received back in.
- Analysis/work done in the LCSO lab drying stations, fingerprinting, copying, etc.) involving 128 cases, consisting of 2,906 items, was completed.
- The LCSO Medication Drop Box Program took in 641.26 pounds of unwanted medications. Two other drop box locations (Coroner's Office and the City of Winlock) totaled 94.51 pounds. Combined total of unwanted medications taken in for destruction was 735.77 pounds.
- A conservative estimate for the value of all street drugs/medications destroyed in 2015 totaled \$2,847,590.20!

The Evidence Division handles a variety of duties, such as seizures, field evidence assists, equipment trades, auctions, donations, destructions, fingerprint classes, etc. in service to the community and the criminal justice system.

The Evidence Division consist of two fulltime employees and utilizes selected LCSO volunteers and Explorers on specific projects to help reach all of our goals!



*"What good is  
the warmth of summer  
without  
the cold of winter  
to give it sweetness."*

- Author Unknown



## CORRECTIONS BUREAU UPDATES

By: Chief Kevin Hanson, Corrections Bureau

The Corrections Bureau staff has worked hard for the last 12 months to better serve our community and the mentally ill inmate population we come in contact with. At the beginning of the year, the average wait time was almost a week for non-emergent inmate requests for mental health assistance. Today, the wait time has been reduced to under 24 hours. This valuable service is provided by our contract mental health care provider, Cascade Mental Health. In addition, to assure inmates have health care when they are released, we initiated a process to enroll them into Apple Health prior to their release from jail.

Within the last year the federal government initiated a national program called the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA). The purpose of this program is to assure inmate and staff safety against unwanted sexual assault and harassment while in custody. As a result, jail staff is working toward passing a PREA audit. Part of that process involved replacement of cameras to allow blocking views of certain areas of the jail as necessary. Through use of the Jail Bond money, a complete renovation of the jail camera system was done. The

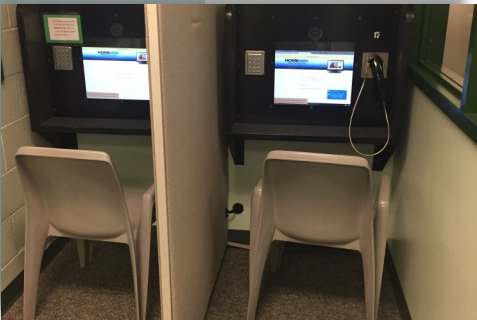


system now records digitally and the upgraded system allows for adequate data storage. In addition, the jail visitation process was converted from on-site proprietary to a web-based video visitation and video arraignment process. Also, the old visitation area, which is about 1,500 square feet, was converted to seven additional offices.

One of the Sheriff's commitments was to provide critical training for all staff. In 2015, training included: Leadership, Prisoner Transport, Crisis Intervention, Firearms, Defensive Tactics, Blue Courage, Honor Guard and more.

Annual average daily population dropped slightly in 2015, from 194 to 179. Part of this population drop is from the reduction of out of county contract prisoner beds. For 2016, Mason County Sheriff's Office has contracted with the LCSO daily bed space for 20-25 prisoners. We look forward to this new partnership with our counterparts from the Mason County Sheriff's Office.

Lastly, in 2015, the jail spent about \$200,000 less than budgeted, primarily due to salary savings from unfilled, vacant corrections officer positions. For those thinking of a career in Corrections, we are in urgent need of corrections officers, if interested, please see our website at: <http://www.lewiscountywa.gov/sheriff/sheriff-employment> for application and testing information.





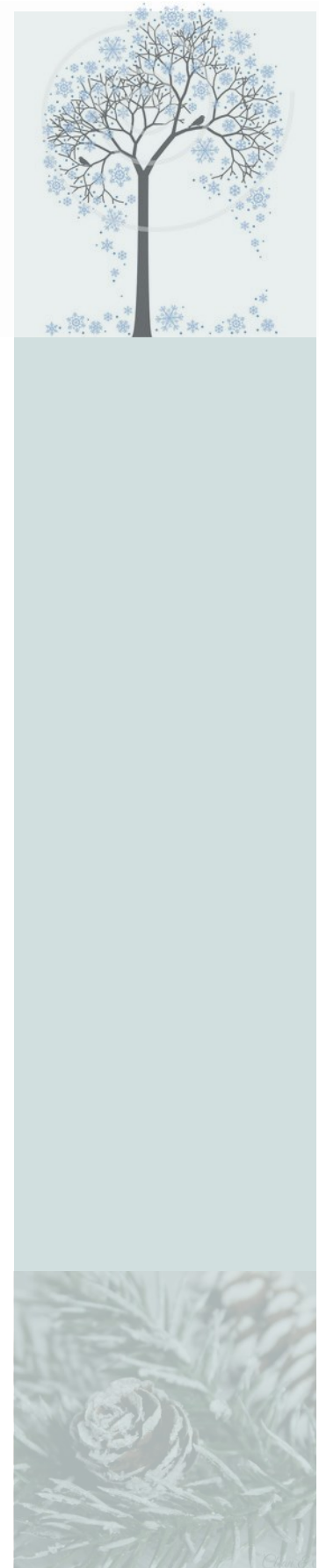
## RESERVE LAW ENFORCEMENT ACADEMY

By: Captain Dustin Breen, Field Operations Bureau

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office, in conjunction with the Centralia Police Department, will tentatively be hosting a Reserve Law Enforcement Academy beginning in April and running through September 2016. This program, sanctioned through the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC), certifies selected individuals to become reserve deputies and officers throughout Washington State. The Reserve Academy requires a minimum of 249.5 hours of course work, and is a condensed version of the 720 hour CJTC Basic Law Enforcement Academy required by full-time law enforcement officers.

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office has an active volunteer Reserve Program. Reserve deputies typically work with full-time deputies in performance of their duties. Tenured reserves, who have passed additional required training, are also allowed to perform patrol duties by themselves, with minimal supervision. While the Reserve Program is a recruitment tool, and a stepping stone for a full-time law enforcement career, it is also ideal for someone with an established career who wants to be involved in law enforcement and make a positive difference while serving their communities.

If you are interested in the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Reserve Program, please contact Deputy Matt Schlecht at: [Mathew.Schlecht@lewiscountywa.gov](mailto:Mathew.Schlecht@lewiscountywa.gov) or at (360) 748-9286.



## SHERIFF'S OFFICE ANNUAL MEETING OUTSTANDING EFFORTS RECOGNIZED

By: Chief Stacy Brown, Special Services Bureau

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office held its annual meeting on February 4th at Bethel Church in Napavine. The office holds a meeting every year to recognize outstanding work by its employees and community members. Strategic planning, agency goals and priorities for the year ahead are also shared with employees and their families at the meeting.

"It is really important we take time out of our busy schedules to honor and recognize those in the Sheriff's Office and our community who are dedicated to making Lewis County such a great place to live, work and raise a family. We are truly fortunate to have such caring employees who are committed to public safety through professional service," said Sheriff Robert Snaza.

### Those recognized:

#### Guardian Awards -

Field Operations Bureau - Detective Gene Seiber  
Corrections Bureau - Corrections Officer Bill Wood

#### 2015 Employee of the Year Awards -

Special Services Bureau - Support Technician II Debra Hensley  
Corrections Bureau - Support Technician II Ramona Romine  
Corrections Bureau - Sergeant Joyce McCoy  
Field Operations Bureau - Deputy Justin Rodgers

#### Distinguished Service Medal -

Detective Tom Callas

#### Top Performer Award -

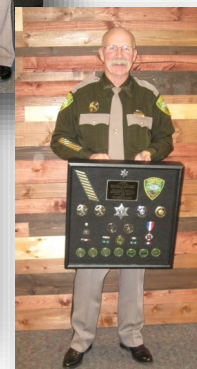
Deputy Justin Rodgers  
Corrections Officers - Curtis Lamping & Craig Klumper

#### Citizen Service Medal -

Cameron Church

#### Citizen Certificate of Bravery & Courage -

Aiden Readman





## ONALASKA COMMUNITY DINNER

By: Chief Stacy Brown, Special Services Bureau

The Lewis County Sheriff's Office participated and helped out at the Onalaska Alliance's Community Dinner in January at the Onalaska Elementary School. What an excellent event! We met so many amazing community members, ranging in ages from twelve months to eighty years old!



We appreciate all of the excellent work being done in Onalaska for kids and families, and we're thankful to be given the opportunity to be involved and part of this community event.

We are committed to being there and partnering with our communities on events such as this. There's nothing

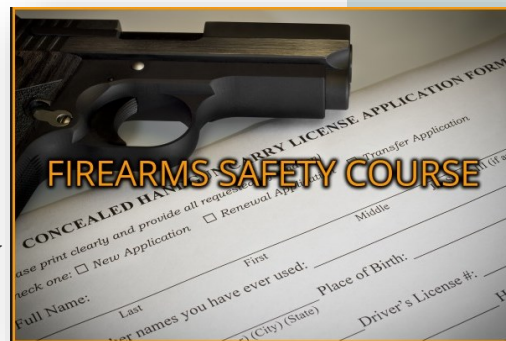
better than breaking bread, sharing a meal and being available to answer questions for those we serve. This was a great evening of fun and fellowship sponsored by Onalaska Alliance!



## LEWIS COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE TO HOST CITIZEN FIREARMS SAFETY CLASSES

By: Captain Dustin Breen, Field Operations Bureau

In the spring of 2016, the Lewis County Sheriff's Office will begin offering periodic sessions of Firearms Safety Training to the public. As part of Sheriff Rob Snaza's ongoing commitment to service to the community, and in support of responsible firearms ownership and individuals' Second Amendment Rights, this training will provide citizens of Lewis County with an opportunity to learn more about basic firearms safety, marksmanship, and laws regarding the use and carry of firearms. The four-hour training sessions will culminate with the use of a firearms simulator for attendees to experience realistic split second decision making in the use of deadly force. Watch the Lewis County Sheriff's Office Facebook page for upcoming course announcements and attendance criteria. Remember that responsible firearms ownership starts with you!





## LAW & JUSTICE DAY—AT THE STATE CAPITOL

By: Chief Stacy Brown, Special Services Bureau

Sheriff Snaza attended the annual Law and Justice Day at the Capitol sponsored by the WA Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs (WASPC) and the WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys (WAPA). During the day at the Capitol, Sheriff Snaza and other Sheriffs and Police Chiefs were briefed by WASPC and WAPA staff on current legislative issues and had an opportunity to meet with Legislators to discuss topics of mutual concern and current legislative efforts.

In addition, law enforcement officials also had the opportunity to testify on various public safety-related bills being heard in the House and Senate. Sheriff Snaza said, “The Law and Justice Day gives us the opportunity to network with each other as law enforcement executives and a chance to meet with our Legislators on legislative issues specific to our profession and the jurisdictions and people we serve.”



Sheriff Rob Snaza with twin brother, Sheriff John Snaza, Thurston County



Sheriff Snaza and his brother testify at a Senate hearing on Capitol Hill

